# Chapter 29:
# UPHILL BATTLE

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!!

YOU'RE THE LITTLE BARNACLE THAT OVER-HEARD OUR PLAN. WHAT'S THE IDEA?

HMPH! IT'S YOU...

HUF

HUF

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

WH-WHAT!? I'M THE FIRST ONE HERE!?

THAT GUY WAS WAY AHEAD OF ME!!

I HAVE 10 MILLION FIGHTING MEN READY TO CRUSH YOU DOGS!!!

DO-ON!!

THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARN-ING!!! LEAVE NOW, WHILE YOU STILL CAN!!

DOES HE THINK WE'RE FOOLS!?

C'MON, CAP'N! HE BE LYING!!

REALLY?

WUMP!!

TEN MILLION!?

THAT'S THE WORST LIE I'VE HEARD ALL MORN-ING.

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HAR HAR HAR

YOU'LL PAY FOR YOUR DECEIT...

WHY, YOU!

DOES HE REALLY THINK WE'RE *THAT* STUPID?

YE GADS!

GULP!!

GASP! THEY SAW THROUGH ME!!

READ THIS WAY

IT'S A KING'S RANSOM! MAYBE 4 OR 5 MILLION BERRIES!!

WE FOUND TREASURE ON THOSE SUSPICIOUS SHIPS!!

WHAT!?

NOT TROUBLE! TREAS-URE!!

WHAT!? IS IT TROUBLE!?

CAPTAIN DJANGO! IT'S AMAZING!!

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FIVE MILLION BERRIES!? WHY WOULD THEY HAVE SO MUCH TREASURE ON THEIR SHIP!?

F- FIVE...

DA—DOOM!

BUT I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT ALL!!

THAT'S MY TREASURE!!!

TA—DA!

I'LL GIVE YOU THAT TREASURE, IF YOU LEAVE IMMEDI-ATELY!!

YES, I WILL!!

YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE US THE TREAS-URE!?

HUH!?

ARE YOU DAFT?

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WHY, THAT SCUM!!

GRR

GRR

HE'S TRYING TO PAY US OFF!?

WHAT!?

*PIRATE

HMM-- HE'S GOT A POINT!

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BUT WHY SHOULD WE LEAVE?

OF COURSE WE'LL TAKE THE TREAS-URE...

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TWO...

YIKES! IT'S SOME STRANGE PROJEC-TILE WEAPON!

VWMM

ONE...

NOW, WHEN I SAY "ONE, TWO, DJANGO," YOU'LL STEP ASIDE.

WHAP!!

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DON'T SAY FOOLISH THINGS, BUSTER!!

...DJAN--

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HUH?

CAPTAIN, THIS AIN'T NO TIME FOR PARLOR TRICKS!!

WHO'S THAT WOMAN!?

THO—OM!

AND I'M NOT GIVING UP ONE BERRY OF IT!!!

HANG ON TO IT FOR ME, BECAUSE I'M COMING FOR IT!!

THE TREASURE ON THAT SHIP IS MINE!!

WHAT!?

YOU FOOL! I JUST SAVED YOUR SKIN!

OUCH! THAT HURT! WHY'D YOU HIT ME?

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!? GIVING AWAY *MY* TREASURE!!

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HE'S A HYPNOTIST!

A WHAT-NO-TIST!?

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, BUT DON'T LOOK AT THAT GUY'S RING WHEN HE STARTS COUNTING!

MAYBE HE GOT LOST... OR SCARED.

I DON'T KNOW.

HEY, WHERE'S LUFFY?

HE CHARGED OFF BEFORE ANY OF US!

WHAT!? WHY ME!?

I'LL BACK YOU UP!

OKAY, GO ATTACK THEM!

HE MUST BE LOST...

HMPH! AND JUST WHEN WE REALLY NEED HIM...

WE'VE NO TIME FOR THEIR FOOLISH-NESS.

YOU'RE DRY AS A DESERT!

WELL, LOOK AT *ME!* I'M STARTING TO CRY!

YARR YARR

YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO DO IT, JUST 'CAUSE I'M A MAN? LOOK HOW SCARED I AM! MY KNEES ARE SHAKING!!

WHAT CAN I DO AGAINST AN ARMY OF RUTHLESS CUT-THROATS? I'M ONLY A GIRL!

SEE!?

SHAKE SHAKE

SHAKE SHAKE

YARRR!!

YARRRR!!

JUST CHARGE OVER THEM AND HEAD FOR THE VILLAGE, YOU SEA-DEVILS!!

HEY, I JUST REMEMBERED! I HAVE SOME CALTROPS!!

CHINK KLINK

HEY, YOU'VE GOT SOME GOODIES IN THERE! GIMME GIMME!

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HERE THEY COME!!!

WOOSH!!!

CALTROP TORTURE !!

TRAMPLE THIS!!

AVAST YE, OR WE'LL TRAMPLE YOUR INNARDS!!

YAR!!

CURSE THAT NAMI! WHEN I SEE HER AGAIN...

HUFF!! HUFF!!

PANT! PANT!

SWIPE

FWAP!!

UGH...

TUNK

IT'S JUST AN OILY HILL!!

HUFF...

CHAK

SHLUP SHLUP SHLUP SHLUP SHLUP K

YARRRGH!!

NOW, WHICH WAY TO THE NORTH BEACH?

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HUFF

FWOOSH!!

AT LAST!! I MADE IT!!!

tmP tmP tmP tmP tmP t

HUFF

HUFF

HEAD STRAIGHT NORTH!

STRAIGHT NORTH!

RUSTLE

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PANT

PANT

PANT

MP TMP TMP TMP TM

WHICH WAY IS NORTH!!?

Y AAAA!!

OWEE!!

!!

YEE-OWW!

TAK TAK

TAK

OUCH!!

FOOM!!

NOW IT'S TIME FOR MY SECRET WEAPON!! LEAD STARS!!!

YEAH! IT WORKED!!

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SHURF!!

AP

BUT YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANY FIGHTING YET!

I'M GOING TO TAKE A BREATH-ER.

YOU'RE DOING *GREAT!* KEEP IT UP!

SHWUNK

GET 'EM, CAPTAIN!

PAT

FWUMP

CURSE HIM!

YOU DUMMY! *YOU* THREW THEM THERE!!

THERE ARE CALTROPS BEHIND US, TOO!

WUMP!

SOB SOB

WHAT'S WRONG?

THWIZZ

WHAP!

GASP!

BUT NOT FOR LONG!!

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YOU LUBBERS ARE IN THE WAY!

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THW

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AYE!!

LET'S GO, ME HEARTIES! CAPTAIN KURO AWAITS US!!

FWUMP

HMPH! DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD STOP THE FIERCEST PIRATES ON THE SEAS?

READ THIS WAY

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SKRUF SKRUF

ARG!

WANT SOME MORE?

HUH?

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BAM! BAM!

BAM!

NO! NEVER!!

LET GO, CURSE YE!!!!

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DOOM!

PLIP

PLIP

THIS WILL BE ANOTHER BORING DAY FOR MY VILLAGE!!

I'LL NEVER LET YOU PASS!! MY LAST TALL TALE WILL BE A TRUE ONE!!

WOOSH!!

BLASTED WHELP!

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KA-WANG!!

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YARR!!

BLASTED WENCH!!!

GASP...

SKRFF

WHA

AM

OOF!

HMPH!

I'M GOING TO KILL THESE TWO!

YOU...

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN CAPTAIN KURO'S ORDERS!? IF WE RUIN HIS PLANS...

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DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON THEM!! WE'RE LATE! WE MUST SACK THE VILLAGE!!

DO YOU UNDER-STAND THAT, YOU ADDLED FOOLS?

HE'LL CUT ALL OUR THROATS!!

YIKES!!

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TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

WAIT! DARN YOU...!

YARR!!

TO THE VILLAGE!! HURRY!

THWAK

SHUT YOUR TRAP AND GET OUT OF MY WAY!!!

WAIT! DON'T GO TO THE VIL-LAGE!!!

WAP

SKRUFF

SKRUFF

DON'T MASSACRE MY PEOPLE!!!

PLEASE STOP!! PLEASE!!!

WUMP

WUMP

YARR!!

FWUMP

ARRGGH!!

!

KER-THWAK

AAARGH!

!!?

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME...

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YOU NEVER TOLD US WE'D BE FACING DEMONS ON THIS JOB!!

OOOOOO

WHAT'S THIS, CAPTAIN DJANGO!?

TA-DA!!

HOW COULD I KNOW? NOW I'M IN A BAD MOOD!!

NOT MUCH OF A CHAL-LENGE. WHAT **WAS** THAT?

DOOM

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME WHICH WAY WAS NORTH?!

DARN YOU, USOPP!!

DOOM

NAMI! YOU MAROONED ME IN THAT MUCK!

ARE THEY CRAZY?

**Q:** *WHY IS LUFFY ALWAYS SO CALM?*

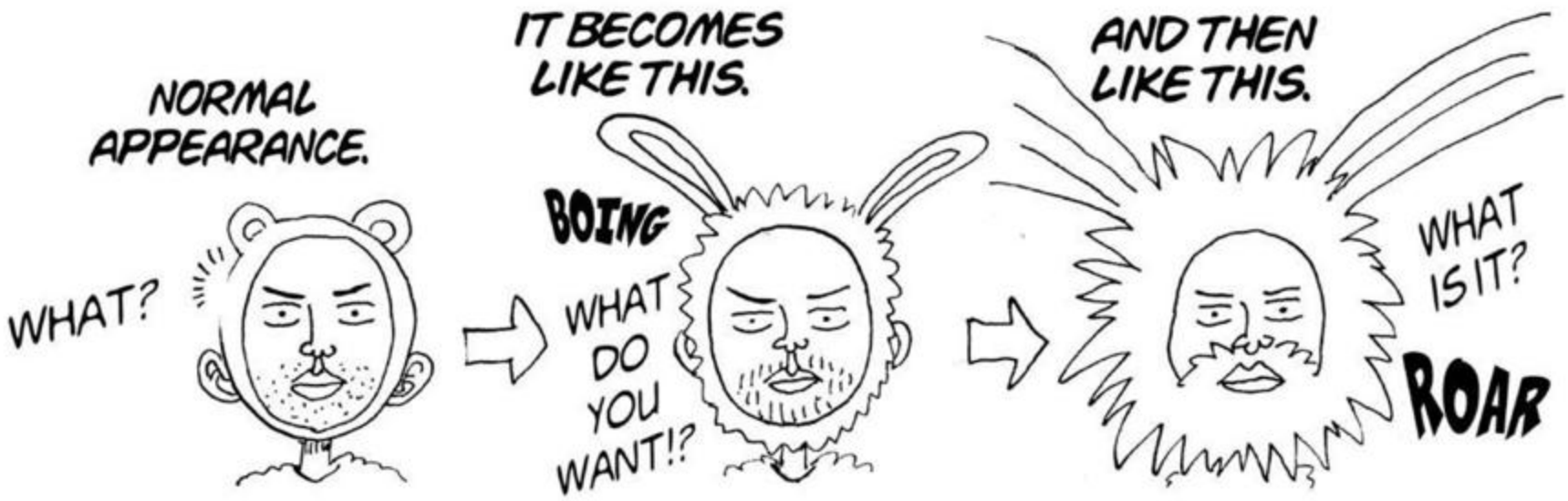
**A:** PROBABLY BECAUSE HE'S SO STUPID. HA!

**Q:** *LUFFY'S TREASURE IS A STRAW HAT. ODA SENSEI, DO YOU HAVE A STRAW HAT THAT IS DEAR TO YOU? IF NOT, TELL US WHAT YOUR TREASURE IS!*

**A:** MY TREASURE? AH, BUT OF COURSE THAT WOULD BE ALL OF YOU -- MY READERS!

**Q:** *WHY DOES MOHJI'S HAIR LOOK THE WAY IT DOES?*

**A:** HE WAS BORN THAT WAY. BUT HIS HAIR GROWS LONGEST IN THOSE TWO PLACES. IF HE LETS IT GO, HE'LL START TO LOOK LIKE A RABBIT.




**Q:** *I THOUGHT UP SOME NEW TRICKS FOR LUFFY.*
*1) FIRST, HE INFLATES HIS STOMACH WITH THE "GUM-GUM BALLOON."*
*2) THEN HE POKES A HOLE IN HIMSELF WITH THE "GUM-GUM PISTOL." (OR ZOLO'S SWORD.)*
*3) RESULT: BIG EXPLOSION--CALL IT THE "GUM-GUM BOMB!!"*

**A:** THANKS FOR THINKING THAT UP, BUT IF LUFFY DID THAT... HE'D BE DEAD.